



Welcome to Hexthorpe Primary Academy Foundation Stage 2



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Learning and Development

At Hexthorpe Primary Foundation Stage we aim to give all children the very best opportunities for effective learning and development by providing a happy and stimulating learning environment. Our experienced team support children in becoming independent learners and in developing a positive sense of themselves and others.

When children join us in Nursery and Reception they follow the **Foundation Stage** curriculum which covers seven areas of learning. These consist of:

Three Prime Areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

Four Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. Our EYFS team will ensure that activities planned for are suited to your child's unique needs. Our curriculum is planned for through three broad themes each year and is designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests.

Children in our Foundation Stage learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place in both our indoor and outdoor environment.

Further information about the Foundation Stage curriculum can be obtained from www.foundationyears.org.uk. Information regarding



the age related expectations for children in Foundation Stage can be found at www.foundationyears.org.uk/.../what-to-expect-when-a-parents-guide

To support your child's learning in school, home learning activities will be sent home each week. Your child will also bring home a reading book which will be changed weekly.

Records and Feedback

Whilst in Foundation Stage staff will carefully record your child's progress. This is done through regular observations using different mediums. These observations will record significant learning and be kept in your child's Learning Journey, reading, writing and mathematics portfolios. Parents will be invited to regular meetings to share these observations and celebrate your child's learning.

Parents are the most important people in their children's lives and their first and most enduring educators. At Hexthorpe Primary Foundation Stage we strive to work in partnership with parents and value the contribution you make to your child's development. We will send home many home school link activities over the year that contribute to us building a picture of your child's learning and development. You are welcome at any time to share significant moments about your child or speak to a member of staff about your child's progress.

Key Person

In line with the Early Years Foundation Stage guidance, we have a key person system. In Foundation Stage 2 your child's teacher will be their main key person who you will meet to discuss your child's progress. However, the supporting staff in your child's class assist the main key person role and are also responsible for making sure

your child is happy, monitoring their general well-being and contributing to your child's education and welfare.

The School Day

There are three classes within our Foundation Stage Unit. Our Nursery children (FS1) are based in The Station class. Our Reception children (FS2) are based in either **Sun Stream** or **Sun Chariot** class.

Your child is entering Reception (FS2) so will be based in either **Sun Stream** or **Sun Chariot** class.

Doors open at **8.35am**. We encourage parents to stay and support early bird activities until children are called to carpet time for register at 8.45am. Please don't worry if you cannot stay, a member of staff will support your child in completing morning activities.

Throughout the morning your child will take part in targeted adult led activities with a focus on developing their communication and language, phonics, reading, writing and mathematical skills. Alongside this your child will also take part in some child initiated activities within our continuous provision both indoors and outdoors.

Our lunchtime begins at **11.50am**. As part of the morning routine your child will have selected either a hot dinner, vegetarian option, sandwich or jacket potato. Alternatively, there is also an option to bring a packed lunch from home. Your child will be taken down to the dinner hall by Foundation Stage staff who will remain with them for the first fifteen minutes while they eat their dinner. Your child will have as long as it takes for them to finish eating. We have designated lunch time supervisors who will then bring your child back into the Foundation Stage outdoor environment until the end of lunchtime at **1.00pm**.

Throughout the afternoon your child will take part in adult led theme activities, handwriting, reading and child initiated activities within our continuous provision both indoors and outside.

At 2.40pm we come back together as a class to celebrate the days learning, share a story and get ready for home time. Doors re-open at **3.05pm**. A member of staff will call your child's name when they see the familiar adult that usually picks them up. In order to keep your child safe we ask that you inform us in person or by phoning school if somebody else is picking your child up that day. A form will then be completed with details of the adult that is picking up your child.

Drinks and Snack time

Your child has the opportunity to access the snack table at certain times during the day if they wish. There are always a selection of healthy fruits or vegetables for them to choose from and a drink of milk or water. There are always cups available for your child to have a drink of water throughout the day. Alternatively, your child may bring their own water bottle into school if they wish.

Uniform

We have a school uniform which comprises of white polo shirts, navy blue jumpers or cardigans with the school logo on, dark grey trousers, dresses or skirts. Children can also wear blue and white gingham or striped dresses during the summer term. Footwear comprises of sensible black shoes that cover the whole foot.

Please help us by making sure all your child's uniform and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name.

For health and safety reasons we ask that jewellery is limited to a watch and if ears are pierced, small stud earrings are worn.

Attendance and Medical Matters

Please ring school if your child is ill or going to be absent for any reason. School will make a first day absence call or a home visit if no contact has been made from home. If your child has a medical or dental appointment in school time please inform the office in advance. Evidence of medical appointments are required by school.

All Foundation Stage staff are qualified First Aiders. If your child has an accident at school they will receive attention from us. If your child has an accident and sustains a more serious injury we will always contact you immediately. For this reason it's important that we have your up to date contact details.

It is also important that you inform us of any medical condition or allergy that might affect your child whilst they are at school.

School Website

Further information about our school is available on our website at www.astreahexthorpe.org

You can also follow us on twitter at

<https://twitter.com/HexthorpePri>

We also have a school blog

<https://hexthorpeprimaryacademy.net/>

We hope you've found this information useful. The staff in Foundation Stage will look forward to welcoming you and your child to Hexthorpe Primary Foundation Stage 2. Please do not hesitate to contact school should you require any further information.

Kind Regards, Mrs Jane Allen, Assistant Principal/EYFS Leader